

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 15 (in part), drawn to primers and capturing probes a variant human paraoxonase and a kit;

Group II, claims 3, 4, 7 and 15 (in part), drawn to a variant human paraoxonase protein and a kit;

Group III, claim 8, drawn to a non-human transgenic animal comprising a nucleic acid encoding a variant human paraoxonase protein;

Group IV, claims 9 and 13 (in part), drawn to methods determining enzyme activity of human paraoxonase protein and a kit; and

Group V, claims 10-12, 14 and 13 (in part), drawn to methods for determining a DNA encoding paraoxonase protein and screening.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group V, Claims 10-12, 14 and 13 (in part). Applicants submit that there is no undue burden placed on the Examiner to search and consider claims 1-15 in their entirety. At the very least the Examiner should search and consider the claims of Groups II-V together since the claims of these groups are all classified by the Examiner in class 435. Thus, no undue burden exists.

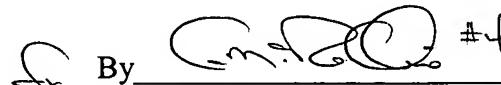
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell, Registration No 36,623 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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